

Big Brother: Biometric Tyranny and DNA Databases

By <u>Ethan Jacobs</u> Global Research, November 15, 2010 15 November 2010 Region: <u>USA</u> Theme: <u>Police State & Civil Rights</u>

Introduction

Governments and large corporations are encouraging individuals to identify themselves using biometric data as opposed to traditional card forms of identification, such as drivers' licenses and membership cards. The federal and local governments also have plans to collect DNA samples from people arrested for but not convicted of crimes. The public must take immediate action to stop this assault on privacy rights and prevent the unprecedented implementation of global technocratic tyranny.

Cardless Check-in at Health Clubs

24 Hour Fitness, the world's largest privately owned and operated <u>fitness</u> center chain (by membership) is in the process of implementing its Orwellian "<u>cardless check-in</u>" program:

24 Hour Fitness is excited to introduce Cardless Check-In! Cardless Check-In allows members to access our health clubs without a membership card. No more fumbling through you gym bag or purse... just scan your finger, enter your 10-digit check-in code and you're on your way.[1]...We've partnered with MorphoTrak, a leader in the biometric industry, to develop this convenient new way to check in to our clubs. By scanning your finger, we chart the distance between a few distinct points that are unique to you and come up with an identifying number based on those distances.[2]

24 Hour Fitness has approximately <u>3 million members</u>, <u>425 clubs</u>, <u>and 20,000</u> <u>employees.[3]</u> That equals approximately one percent of the U.S. population (300 million people) that are now being encouraged to produce biometric identification by one health club company alone. It should be noted that for now, members may choose not to enroll, but will need to bring their driver's license or another government or school issued ID each time they check-in.

Importantly, the cardless check-in program has obvious flaws. First, typing in the ten digit code and performing the finger scan takes about twelve times longer than simply scanning the barcode on a membership card. Second, the program weakens human bonding, as now it is no longer necessary to speak to the employee that previously scanned membership cards, assuming their employment has not yet been terminated. Third, a conflict of interest arises if law enforcement requests the biometric data of a member from the health club. Should the health club provide the data or protect the privacy of its member?

It remains to be seen how many 24 Hour Fitness members will voluntarily forfeit their biometric data by leaving their mark on the unblinking scanner. Hopefully the majority will understand that "your fingerprint is a very sensitive piece of your identity. It's not

Global Biometric Plan

Whether intended or not, the 24 Hour Fitness biometric check-in program and others like it assist the Department of Homeland Security in incrementally conditioning the public to accept its <u>Global Biometric Plan.[5]</u> Said Plan will further erode personal privacy rights while reducing individuals to a new status of dehumanized biological chattels.

Government Gathering More Biometric and Biological Data

Providing Biometric date, including a fingerprint scan, is an act of submission that is being required by government and private venues more and more. To obtain a driver's license, you must submit to a thumb scan. If you refuse, you will not be issued a license, your right to travel will be severely limited, and you will lack a common form of personal identification.[6] In California, a thumb scan is required to obtain a real estate/mortgage broker's license.[7] Beginning February 1, 2011, the Golden State will also require fingerprints to purchase ammunition, a substantial infringement on privacy and the right to bear arms.[8] International travelers that want to skip lines at customs are encouraged to enroll in the <u>Global Entry Program</u>. After landing, find the Global Entry kiosk, "scan your passport and fingerprints," and be on your way.[9]

Amusement parks are also requiring biometric identification. To utilize an annual pass at SeaWorld, one must participate in the Touch-n-Go finger scan ID verification system.[10] Walt Disney World has also employed a biometric finger scanner at their theme parks.[11]

Blood Sample Gathering

Beyond gathering biometric data on citizens, governments have also been <u>stealing infants'</u> <u>blood samples</u> without parental consent.[12] Of course, this is done under the guise of protecting babies from diseases:

Newborn babies in the United States are routinely screened for a panel of genetic diseases. Since the testing is mandated by the government, it's often done <u>without the parents'</u> <u>consent</u>... Now, states mandate that newborns be tested for anywhere between 28 and 54 different conditions, and the DNA samples are stored in state labs for anywhere from three months to indefinitely, depending on the state.[13]

During March of this year, the U.S. House of representatives approved the Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act of 2010 (H.R. 4614) by a vote of 357 to 32.[14] If approved by the Senate, "millions of Americans arrested for but <u>not convicted of crimes will</u> likely have their DNA forcibly extracted and added to a national database."[15] <u>Obama</u> has also endorsed forcing people arrested to submit DNA to a national database."[16]

In Orange County, California, the District Attorney's office has a policy of <u>dropping charges</u> <u>against low-level offenders who agree to submit DNA samples.[17]</u> During 2009, the office nearly quadrupled its DNA database in nine months, with about half of the 15,000 samples being obtained from cases pertaining to minor offences. The Orange County DNA database is separate from the Department of Justice database and those that consent to providing samples commonly do so without legal counsel.[18]

Why are governments so interested in obtaining DNA samples from their citizens and what is the long-term agenda? Will the DNA collected be used in experiments or research? This is a vital issue given the fact that "scientists in Israel have demonstrated that it is possible to fabricate DNA evidence, undermining the credibility of what has been considered the gold standard of proof in criminal cases."[19] We should also recall that globalists sponsored the eugenics polices (eliminating the gene pools of those deemed unfit by the state) in the United States that inspired Hitler's Nazis:

Hitler and his henchmen victimized an entire continent and exterminated millions in his quest for a so-called Master Race. But the concept of a white, blond-haired, blue-eyed master Nordic race didn't originate with Hitler. The idea was created in the United States, and cultivated in California, decades before Hitler came to power...California eugenicists played an important, although little-known, role in the American eugenics movement's campaign for ethnic cleansing. Eugenics would have been so much bizarre parlor talk had it not been for extensive financing by corporate philanthropies, specifically the Carnegie Institution, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Harriman railroad fortune... the main solution for eugenicists was the rapid expansion of forced segregation and sterilization, as well as more marriage restrictions. California led the nation, performing nearly all sterilization, California sterilized 9,782 individuals, mostly women.[20]

In short, history clearly demonstrates that the global elite and governments they control cannot be trusted with the DNA of individuals.

Big Brother and Iris Scanners

In addition to taking our fingerprints and DNA, governments are partnering with private industry (fascism) so that <u>iris scanners</u> can make Leon, Mexico, the "most secure city in the world." Jeff Carder, CDO of Global Rainmakers states:

"In the future, whether it's entering your home, opening your car, entering your workspace, getting a pharmacy prescription refilled, or having your medical records pulled up, everything will come off that unique key that is your iris... Every person, place, and thing on this planet will be connected [to the iris system] within the next 10 years... If you've been convicted of a crime, in essence, this will act as a digital scarlet letter. If you're a known shoplifter, for example, you won't be able to go into a store without being flagged. For others, boarding a plane will be impossible....When you get masses of people opting-in, opting out does not help. Opting out actually puts more of a flag on you than just being part of the system. We believe everyone will opt-in." [21]

In a follow-up interview, carter explained:

So <u>we've even worked with three-letter agencies</u> on technology that can capture 30-plus feet away. In certain spaces, eventually, you'll be able to have maybe one sensor the size of a dime, in the ceiling, and it would acquire all of our irises in motion, at a distance, hundreds-probably thousands as computer power continues to increase-at a time.[22]

There is no intention of limiting the use of such technology to small towns in Mexico. "The <u>Homeland Security Department</u> plans to test futuristic iris scan technology that stores digital images of people's eyes in a database and is considered a quicker alternative to fingerprints."[23] As Paul Joseph Watson notes, eventually "iris records will be held in a

database and associated with credit cards and other routine aspects of every day life. The agenda is to replace pin numbers and presentation of photo ID, forcing Americans to submit to <u>high-tech enslavement</u> merely to conduct their day to day activities."[24]

Airport Naked Body Scanners

The <u>fraudulent War on Terror</u> is being used to obliterate Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable search and seizures. To pass through airport security, without probable cause or even reasonable suspicion of criminal activity, travelers now are required to <u>submit to naked airport body scanners</u> which virtually strip-search and radiate them.[25] Those that <u>opt out</u> of the scanners are groped, and fondled (<u>assault and battery – offensive touching</u>) by TSA thugs.[26] Now that travelers and travel industry unions are objecting to naked body scanners on grounds of perversion and radiation, Homeland Security is considering replacing them with body scanners that <u>scan and store biometric data</u>, which in the future could allow citizens to be constantly racked in real time.[27]

Take Action Now

Whether the assault on our privacy rights comes from government or the private sector, we must stand strong against it. Individuals must once again respect themselves enough to defend their privacy and constitutional rights. Fortunately, much like the Allied Pilots Union[28] refusing to submit to radioactive naked body scanners, individuals now have an opportunity to opt-out and speak-out against biometric/DNA registries at health clubs, amusement parks, airports and other venues. Respectfully contact companies and government agencies that test these programs; let them know that you disapprove and that your biometric data will never become their property. People arrested for minor offenses must refuse to provide DNA samples. We must resist and exercise peaceful non-compliance against this despotism, as other health clubs and establishments will likely adopt similar biometric identity programs if they think we will accept it.[29] Future generations are counting on us to defend their privacy rights, which can be summarized as the right to be left alone. Remember that courage is contagious; when a brave man or woman takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.[30]

Notes

[1] 24 Hour Fitness Website. <u>http://www.24hourfitness.com/health_clubs/cardless_checkin/</u>

[2] Ibid.

[3] Wikipedia. 24 Hour Fitness. <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/24_Hour_Fitness</u>

[4] Michael Finney. New 24 Hour Fitness ID System Causes Stir. ABC News. August 13, 2010.

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/7_on_your_side&id=7609640

[5] Department of Homeland Security Global Biometric Plan. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTscSRQMGQc

[6] Driver License and Identification (ID) Card Information. California Department of Motor Vehicles. <u>http://www.dmv.ca.gov/dl/dl_info.htm</u>

[7] Fingerprint Requirements. California Department of Real Estate. http://www.dre.ca.gov/lic_fingerprint.html

[8] Schwarzenegger Signs AB 962 Ammo Registration Bill. Gun Owners of California. http://www.gunownersca.com/news/display/?id=632

[9] Scott McCartney. Skipping the Lines at Customs. The Wall Street Journal: Travel. November 4, 2010.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704506404575592263059794010.html

See also: Global Entry. <u>http://www.globalentry.gov/</u>

[10] SeaWorld, San Diego. Annual Passes. http://commerce.4adventure.com/EStore/Scripts/Skins/SWC/TicketsPassports.aspx

[11] One Finger Biometric Walt Disney World. http://www.waltdisney-world-vacation-packages.com/one-finger-biometric-walt-disneyworld/

[12] Mary Ann Roser. Suite Possible Over Baby DNA Sent to Military Lab for National Database. Statesman.com. February 22, 2010.

http://www.statesman.com/news/texas-politics/suit-possible-over-baby-dna-sent-to-military-268714.html

[13] Elizabeth Cohen. The Government Has Your Baby's DNA. CNN Health. February 4, 2010.

http://articles.cnn.com/2010-02-04/health/baby.dna.government_1_genetic-testing-dna-sam ples-genetic-___diseases?_s=PM:HEALTH

[14] Declan McCullagh. House Votes to Expand National Arrest Database. Cnet News. March 19, 2010. http://news.cnet.com/8301-13578_3-20005458-38.html

[15] Ibid.

[16] Kurt Nimmo. Obama Supports a National DNA Database. Infowars.com. March 12, 2010.

http://www.infowars.com/obama-supports-a-national-dna-database/

[17] Tami Abdollah. Orange County D.A.'s DNA Database Rapidly Growing. The Los Angeles Times. October 5, 2009. <u>http://articles.latimes.com/2009/oct/05/local/me-oc-dna-database5</u>

[18] Ibid.

[19] Andrew Pollack. DNA Evidence Can be Fabricated, Scientists Show. The New York Times. August 17, 2009. <u>http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/18/science/18dna.html</u>

[20] Edwin Black. Eugenics and the Nazis - The California Connection. SFGate.com.November9,2003.http://articles.sfgate.com/2003-11-09/opinion/17517477_1_eugenics-ethnic-cleansing-maste

<u>r-race</u>

[21] Austin Carr. Iris Scanners Create the Most Secure City in the World. Welcome, Big Brother. Fast Company. August 18, 2010.

http://www.fastcompany.com/1683302/iris-scanners-create-the-most-secure-city-in-the-worl d-welcomes-big-brother

[22] Austin Carr. The Eyes Have It: Why Iris Scanning Rules. Fast Company. August 18, 2010.

http://www.fastcompany.com/1683572/qa-iris-scanning-cdo-on-minority-report-advertising-a nd-the-future-of-biometric-security

[23] Thomas Frank. Homeland Security to Test Iris Scanners. USA Today. September 13, 2010. <u>http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/surveillance/2010-09-13-1Airis13_ST_N.htm</u>

[24] Paul Joseph Watson. Big Sis Iris Scanners: The Prison Without Bars. Infowars.com September 13, 2010. <u>http://www.infowars.com/big-sis-iris-scanners-the-prison-without-bars/</u>

[25] Paul Joseph Watson and Alex Jones. Drudge Stirs National Debate on TSA Abuse. Prisonplanet.com. November 11, 2010.

http://www.prisonplanet.com/drudge-stirs-national-debate-on-tsa-abuse.html

[26] TSA Fondles Women and Children Refusing Airport Naked Body Scanners. Infowars.com. November 5, 2010.

http://www.infowars.com/tsa-fondles-women-and-children-refusing-airport-naked-body-scan ners/

[27] Paul Joseph Watson and Kurt Nimmo. DHS May Turn to Body Scanners That Store Biometrics. Infowars.com. November 12, 2010.

http://www.infowars.com/dhs-may-turn-to-body-scanners-that-store-biometrics/

[28] Steve Watson. World's Pilots Reject Naked Body Scanners Over Radiation Danger, Privacy Breach. Infowars.com. November 8, 2010. http://www.infowars.com/worlds-pilots-reject-naked-body-scanners-over-radiation-danger-privacy-

breach/?CFID=32478536&CFTOKEN=568f8cfe32f38f64-3050A241-1D09-2FD4-73B15AB8B7 053CF5

[29] Alex Jones Arrested for Refusing to Thumbscan. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptsbCwcbrfc

[30] A quote attributed to Billy Graham. http://thinkexist.com/quotation/courage_is_contagious-when_a_brave_man_takes_a/200524. html

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © <u>Ethan Jacobs</u>, Global Research, 2010

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Ethan Jacobs

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

<u>www.globalresearch.ca</u> contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca